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For: FLORIST REGISTRY :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c),¹ filed on November 9, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued on December 27, 2005. The window for payment of the first maintenance fee installment with a surcharge closed on December 27, 2009. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four (24) months of the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

¹ 37 CFR 1.378(c) provides that a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee must be filed within twenty-four months of the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) and must include:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20(e) through (g);
- (2) The surcharge set forth in § 1.20(I)(2); and
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.

The address listed on the petition is different than the correspondence address of record. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address noted on the petition. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this patent will be mailed solely to the address of record. A change of correspondence address should be filed if the correspondence address needs to be updated.

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